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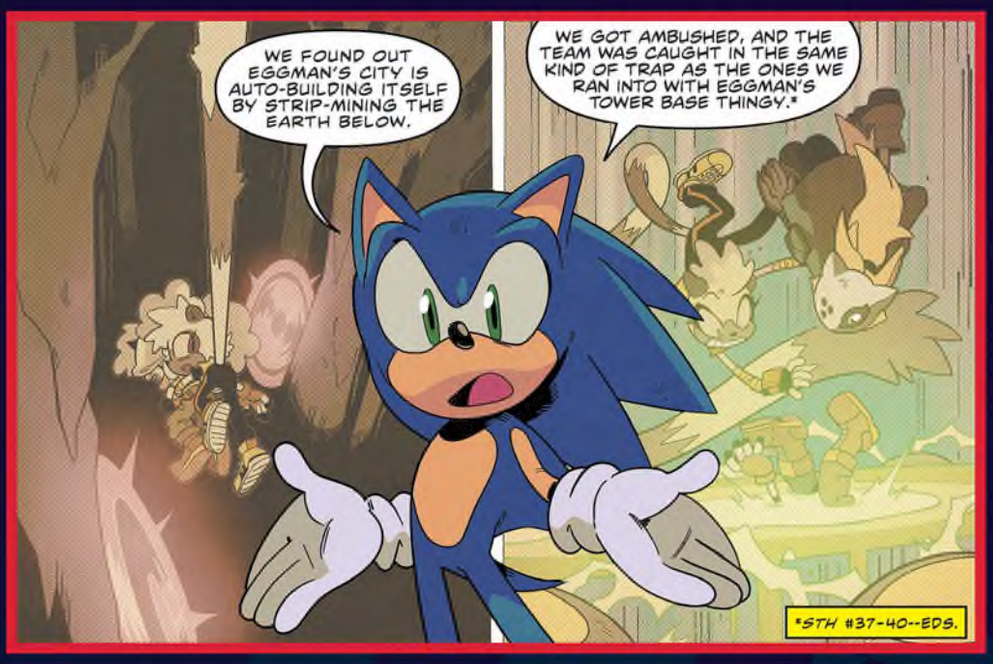
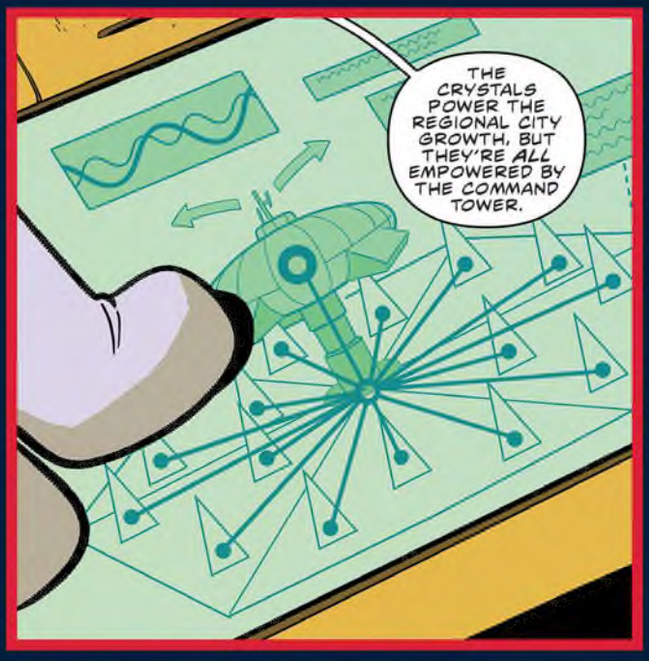

WE FOUND OUT EGGMAN'S CITY IS AUTO-BUILDING ITSELF BY STRIP-MINING THE EARTH BELOW.
WE GOT AMBUSHED, AND THE TEAM WAS CAUGHT IN THE SAME KIND OF TRAP AS THE ONES WE RAN INTO WITH EGGMAN'S TOWER BASE THINGY.*
*STH #37-40--EDS.

RRRGH! WE CAN'T FIGHT BADNIKS! WE CAN'T TALK TO ANYONE! WALKING AROUND FEELS LIKE I'M GONNA FLOAT AWAY LIKE A SOAP BUBBLE!
THIS SCI-FI WHATEVER STINKS!

WE CAN BARELY INTERACT WITH THE TANGIBLE WORLD. THAT MEANS NO BADNIK CAN ATTACK US AND WE CAN BYPASS SECURITY.
WE CAN ALL SCOUT THE CITY, EXTRA QUICK. AND ONCE SONIC AND THE OTHERS RETURN US TO NORMAL, WE'LL HAVE ALL THE INTEL READY FOR THEM!


THE CRYSTALS POWER THE REGIONAL CITY GROWTH, BUT THEY'RE ALL EMPOWERED BY THE COMMAND TOWER.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

TANGLE THE LEMUR
Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.

WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.

LANOLIN THE SHEEP
Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.

AMY ROSE
Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.

BLAZE THE CAT
Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.

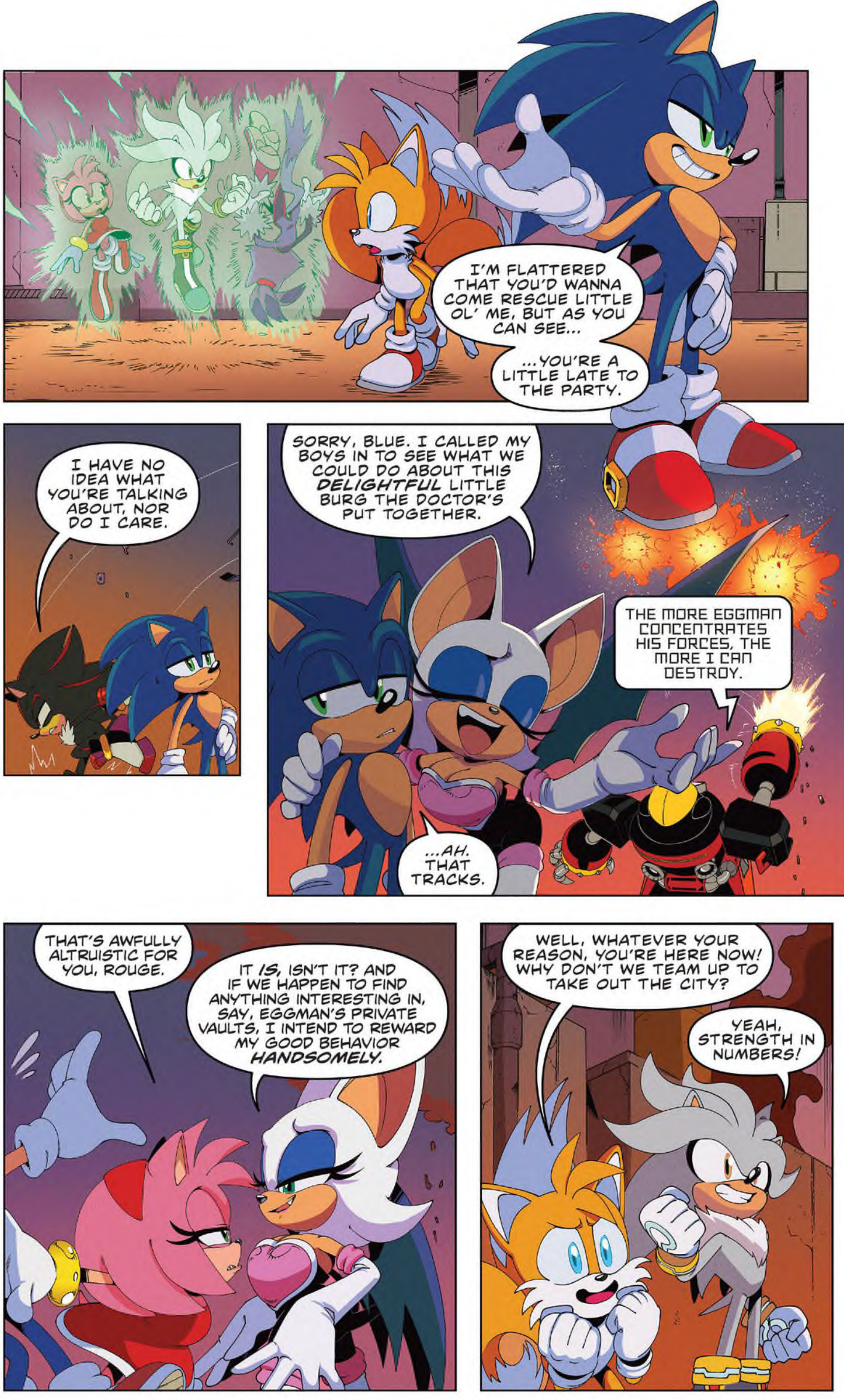
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
The Ultimate Life Form.
Sonic's grim rival.

ROUGE THE BAT
Treasure-Hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.

E-123 OMEGA
Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.

DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.

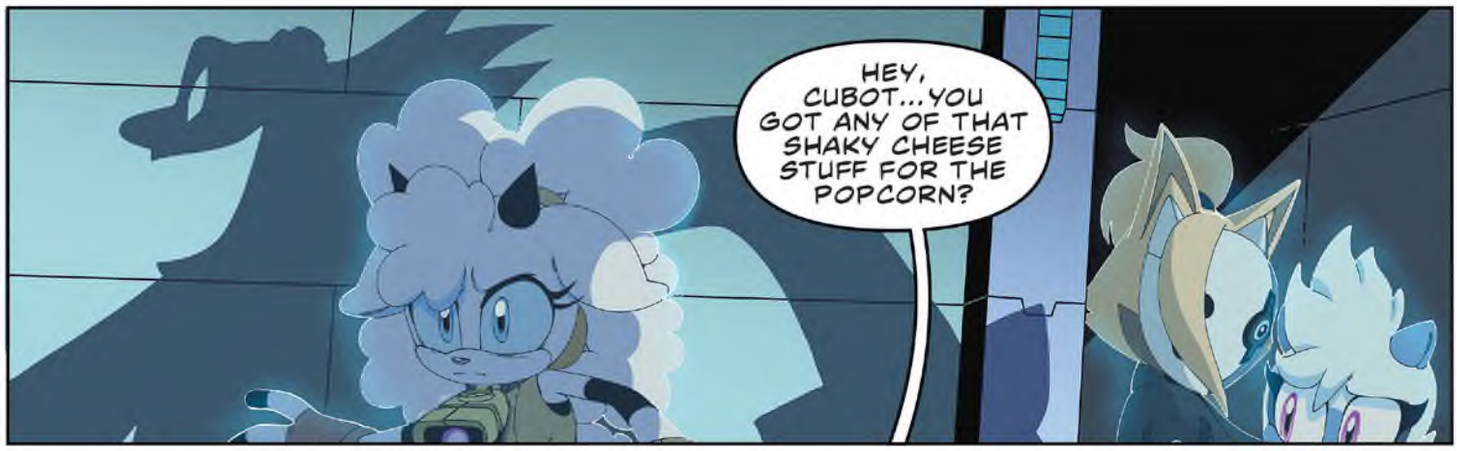
SHADOW?!
...SONIC.
HEY THERE, KIDS!


I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU'D WANNA COME RESCUE LITTLE OL' ME, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE...
...YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE TO THE PARTY.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, NOR DO I CARE.
SORRY, BLUE. I CALLED MY BOYS IN TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO ABOUT THIS DELIGHTFUL LITTLE BURG THE DOCTOR'S PUT TOGETHER.
THE MORE EGGMAN CONCENTRATES HIS FORCES, THE MORE I CAN DESTROY.
...AH. THAT TRACKS.
THAT'S AWFULLY ALTRUISTIC FOR YOU, ROUGE.
IT IS, ISN'T IT? AND IF WE HAPPEN TO FIND ANYTHING INTERESTING IN, SAY, EGGMAN'S PRIVATE VAULTS, I INTEND TO REWARD MY GOOD BEHAVIOR HANDSOMELY.
WELL, WHATEVER YOUR REASON, YOU'RE HERE NOW! WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP TO TAKE OUT THE CITY?
YEAH, STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

ROUGE, THIS CONVERSATION IS IRRELEVANT TO OUR MISSION.
YOU HEARD THE ROBOT... NO HARD FEELINGS, BUT YOU'D ONLY SLOW US DOWN. SEE YOU AROUND!
I WILL ATTEMPT NOT TO HIT ANY OF YOU IN THE CROSSFIRE.
"ONLY SLOW US DOWN" MY FOOT.
TOGETHER OR NOT, THEIR EFFORTS CAN ONLY AID OURS.
IT'S THE PRINCIPLE OF THE--
HELLO, SONIC AND ALL YOU SIMPERING TAGALONGS!
AT LAST, I CAN PROPERLY INTRODUCE YOU TO MY LATEST CREATION.
THIS IS MY CITY OF TOMORROW, A SELF-REPLICATING, SELF-REPAIRING METROPOLIS UNLIKE ANYTHING THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.
GO AHEAD, TRY TO DESTROY IT! FOR EVERY BUILDING YOU LEVEL, A DOZEN MORE WILL RISE TO TAKE ITS PLACE!
YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK THE OCCASION CALLS FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL. YES, A SURPRISE I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR QUITE A WHILE...

...WELCOME TO EGGPERIAL CITY!
MY SHADOW ANDROIDS WILL BE HAPPY TO SHOW YOU AROUND!
ENJOY YOUR STAY...SHORT AS IT MAY BE!

GAH HA HA HA!
EXCELLENT INTIMIDATION SPEECH, BOSS.
OF COURSE IT WAS! OH, HO, HO, I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS.
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE A PLAN CAME TOGETHER PROPERLY.
LOOK AT THEM, ALREADY FLOUNDERING AND I'VE BARELY EVEN BEGUN.
BUILDING BADNIKS MEANT TO MIMIC SHADOW'S SUPERIOR SKILL SET REALLY WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS.
I KNEW HOLDING ON TO THEM WOULD PAY OFF SOMEDAY.
SONIC'S GOING TO REGRET COMING BACK HERE!


HEY, CUBOT...YOU GOT ANY OF THAT SHAKY CHEESE STUFF FOR THE POPCORN?

YOU KNOW IT, BOSS!
HA-HA! EXCELLENT!

WH-- TANGLE! GET DOWN!

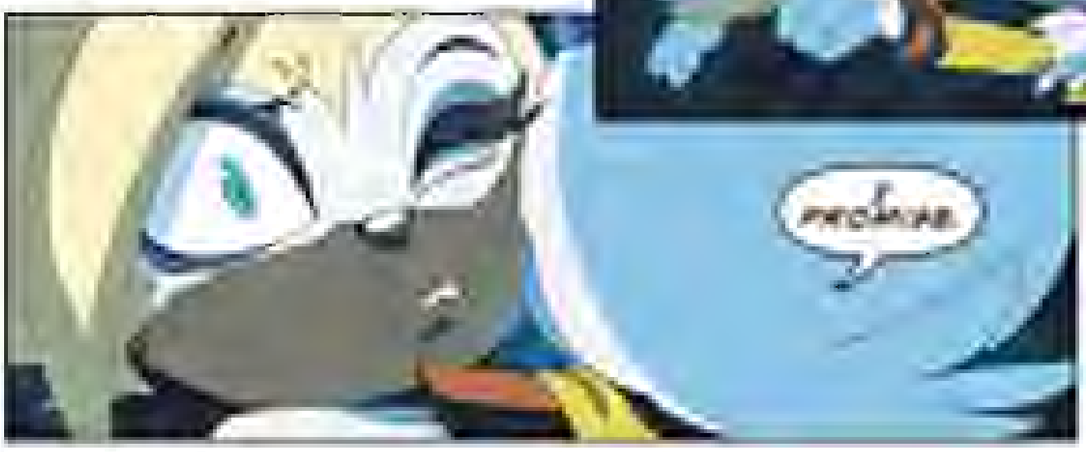
WHY?
IT'S...IT'S JUST HOW YOU DO THESE THINGS, OKAY?!

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE GONNA SPOT US.
FINE, I GUESS IT'LL MAKE CHECKING OUT THE ROOM EASIER.
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING USEFUL IN HERE.

WHOA. WH-WHAT ARE THOSE?
THAT...

...IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST DIAMOND CUTTERS.

LISTEN TO ME
WE ARE GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT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PIKO

TIME TO GO... WITH PILOT CAN YOU GET HIS A BUSY!
WHAT? BUSY!

AYYYAAA!
NOO!!
CRUNCH

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I'M READY TO BOUNCE, YEAH?
PLEASE!

WHOOO!

WHA-
THOOM

WAH!
WHA-

THOOM

Tails
Omigod!

CHAOS... CONTROL
DOM
WHACK

YEAH!

KRRRK
BOOM
GAAAH!
CRUNCH
SHUNK
SHA-SHUNK-SHUNK-SHUNK

RYOUMMM

OH, THANK GOD!
POWER BLASTERS, BASHER, TOWERS BEGOTTHA, AND THE UNIBECITY SECURITY HAD ONLY A MOMENTARY PULSE. GOOD, GOOD.
BUT WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US? WHAT'S GOING ON THOSE ANIMALS?!
THAT POWER SURGE NEARLY CAUGHT US THE ENTIRE CITY.
IF WE CAN TRIGGER ANOTHER ONE—A BIGGER ONE—AND STOP DR. SLOAN FROM THROTTLING IT AT THE LAST SECOND, THE PLACE IS OUR'S!
I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!
WE JUST NEED A WAY TO... SHOT?
IT'S ABOUT MINUTE.
EH?
PANIC

WWWM!

NO!
AHHH!
KACHAK
SHOVE

SHUT
WHOOSH
TANGLE ALONE!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

"Hi! Bonjo!" Hello, Sonic Squad! What a mental time for Zimple to take a trip... Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Valentina Franco and Sharon Lee for issue #39! Now let's take a look at your art and get to know a bit more about artist Natalie Halcrow!

CREATOR CORNER:

NATALIE HAINES

What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I work on the covers and recently have started doing pencils and inks for the interiors, too. Bunches and bunches of art!

Who's your favorite Sonic *character in the IDW books?*

I am a huge fan of Surge the Tenrec. Her electric powers are so cool! Dr. Starline is a guilty pleasure character, and I love the stories that include him as well.

How do you take your chili dog?

With cheddar cheese, onion, ketchup, and crunchy chips on top.

How did you first discover Sonic?

I used to play Sonic games with my siblings when I was younger. I think the first video game I ever played was *Sonic 2* on the SEGA Genesis, when I was about 2 years old. Whether or not the controller was actually plugged in is debatable. I'll have to ask my older brothers.

What was the first IDW Sonic *issue you worked on?*

I first worked on issue #41 and illustrated the B variant cover for that issue.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

My favorite color is gray.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic*)?*

Victoria Douglas is a local comic artist in my city who has been putting out some AMAZING work that I have fallen in love with. Their comic about a rebellious house cat, Cinnamon, is my personal favorite. I'm a sucker for a comic about cats being silly and over-dramatic.

What do you do when you're not working on Sonic?

Then I'm usually drawing other things or feeding the local squirrels and crows in my neighborhood. Or drawing the local squirrels and crows in my neighborhood. Lots of drawing and lots of squirrels and crows.

What's the most unusual Sonic *thing you own?*

I'm currently in the process of making a life-size replica of Whisper's wispon, which is pretty unusual, I guess. I also now have a three-foot-tall painting of Shadow the Hedgehog hanging up in my living room because of working on this issue. Does that count?

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic *character, who would it be and why?*

Metal Sonic. I've heard he's a great conversationalist.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A cat. Then I could be Nat the Cat.

ART THOMAS ROTHLISBERGER COLORS MIN HO KIM

ART NATALIE HAINES

ART NATHALIE FOURDRAINE